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THE SECOND EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURSE “COMPLIANCE WITH JUDGMENTS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC POLICIES FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION” HAS BEEN COMPLETED

San José, Costa Rica, May 14, 2025. On May 9, the second edition of the international course “Compliance with Judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and Public Policies for their Implementation” was completed. It began in March 2025, and was organized by the I/A Court HR and the Mercosur Institute of Public Policies (IPPDH) as part of an agreement subscribed by the institutions.

The in-person week of the course was held in Asunción, Paraguay, from May 5 to 9, thanks to the support of the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Paraguay.

The course lasted nine weeks and had 90 participants selected from over 1200 applications received.

About the course

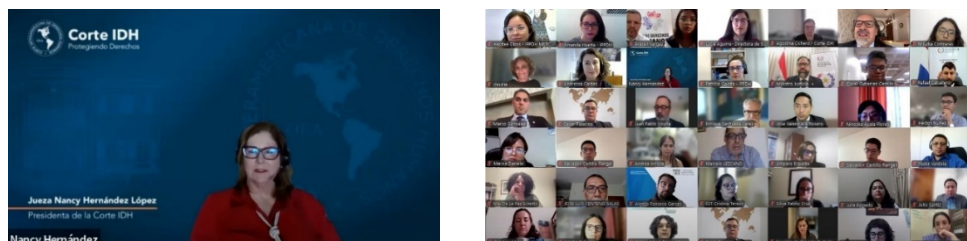
The goal of this international course is to provide training on the different types of reparation ordered by the I/A Court HR in its judgments, the procedure and mechanisms used to monitor compliance with a judgment and the potential impact of the design and implementation of public policies with a human rights perspective by States in the implementation of reparation measures. The course seeks to facilitate an exchange of experiences regarding good practices, challenges and the resolution of issues that arise during the implementation of reparations ordered in judgments. It also seeks to provide training on public policy management from a human rights perspective in a format that allows for discussion and reflection.

The course took place from March 12 to May 9, 2025. It combined theory and practice through synchronous online classes and a mandatory in-person week, held in Asunción, Paraguay. The President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández, and the Executive Director of IPPDH, Andressa Caldas, led the inauguration session. Rodrigo Nicora Villamayor, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Paraguay, and Marco Aurelio González, Attorney General of the Republic of Paraguay, were also present. The inauguration panel was led by Claudia Martín, Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of American University and Washington College of Law, and Marco Romero Silva, Director of the Consultancy for Human Rights and Displacement (CODHES).

The course was taught by the Director and attorneys from the Unit for Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, attorneys from the Registrar's Office of the I/A Court HR and personnel from the IPPDH team. Experts on various matters covered in the contents of the course also participated as teachers.

For more information on the contents of the course please click [here](#).

Ana Lucía Aguirre, Director of Monitoring Compliance with the Judgments of the I/A Court HR, Agostina Cichero, attorney from the Unit of Monitoring Compliance with Judgment, Patricia Gainza and Haydeé Closs, Director of Research and Head of the IPPDH International School, respectively, participated in the organization of the course, contents and development of the virtual lessons and the in-person week.



About the in-person week

The mandatory in-person week of the course took place from May 5 to 9, 2025. With the support of the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Paraguay, it was held in Asunción. The activities were held at the Institute of the Central Bank of Paraguay.

The in-person week was attended by 77 course participants, from 17 countries in the region. The group was composed of state agents who work in the legal representation of State parties in contentious cases and/or monitoring compliance with judgment of the I/A Court HR; public officials in charge of implementing or executing the reparation measures ordered by the I/A Court HR; public officials responsible for the design, direction, execution and evaluation of the reparations ordered by the I/A Court HR that may entail public policies; officials from national human rights institutions of the State Parties who have an impact, at the domestic level, on compliance with the reparations ordered by the I/A Court HR; representatives of victims who are part of proceedings before the inter-American system for the protection of human rights; inter-American defense counsel and individuals from civil society and academics.

The inauguration of the in-person week was an event open to the public, led by the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, the Executive Director of the IPPDH, Andressa Caldas, the Minister of Justice of Paraguay, Rodrigo Nicora Villamayor, and the Attorney General of the Republic of Paraguay, Marco Aurelio González, who gave welcoming words to the participants. Judge Diego Moreno Rodríguez of the I/A Court HR was also present at the inauguration.

Once the opening event concluded, the President of the I/A Court HR, Judge Nancy Hernández López, gave an inaugural address in which she shared her point of view, both as current President of the Inter-American Court and former Magistrate of the Constitutional Chamber of Costa Rica, on the impact of the decisions of the Inter-American Court.

Throughout the week several lessons and workshops were held. The President of the I/A Court HR and Judge Diego Moreno taught lessons on "The challenges of the Inter-

American System for the Protection of Human Rights" and "The justiciability of the economic, social, cultural and environmental rights (ESCR) in the jurisprudence of the I/A Court HR", respectively. Other topics covered included: *"Public policies on memorial sites to guarantee human rights," "Different modalities of social participation in public policies," "Assessment of public policies and human rights indicators" and "Preparation of investigation protocols according to the jurisprudence of the I/A Court HR."* Several classes and workshops were taught by Andressa Caldas, Executive Director of IPPDH; Patricia Gainza, Director of the Research Department of IPPDH; María José Méndez, President of the Working Group of the Protocol of San Salvador (OAS) and Agostina Cichero, attorney from the Unit of Monitoring Compliance with Judgment of the I/A Court HR.

The in-person week also included a visit to the Museum of Justice of the Judiciary of Paraguay. Its exhibit is a historical walk-through of justice in Paraguay, and it has custody of the "Archives of Terror," discovered 32 years ago by Dr. Martín Almada and Judge José Agustín Hernández. These files are official documents of the police and military repression during the dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner in Paraguay and contain evidence of the activities of "Operation Condor," coordinated by the dictatorships in the southern cone, which included intelligence operations such as persecution, disappearance, torture and killing of individuals considered "enemies." During the visit, the participants of the international course learned about the "Archives of Terror" and listened to the reflections of Judge José Agustín Hernández and Rosa Palau, Director of the Museum.

Diplomas were given to participants in the second edition of this course.



Preparation of final group projects

As part of the requirements to pass the course, participants worked on final group projects in which they applied the knowledge acquired during the virtual phase of the course. Participants selected a reparation measure ordered by the I/A Court HR in its judgments and researched whether there is a public policy implemented to comply with that measure. They analyzed the inclusion of a human rights perspective in the public policy cycle, identified where it was lacking and proposed improvements aligned with key human rights principles. In cases where no public policy was found for the reparation measure selected, they prepared proposals detailing how to incorporate human rights in the cycle of that policy.

During the in-person week, the different groups presented the results of their final projects to the other participants, reflected on and exchanged experiences regarding the proposals presented, which promoted an enriching dialog among state employees, victims' representatives, members of civil society and academics, and members of other institutions who participated in the course.



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